

CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment of diseases caused by interleukin-6 production, comprising an antibody to interleukin-6 receptor.

5 2. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 1, wherein the disease caused by said interleukin-6 production is plasmacytosis.

10 3. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 1, wherein the disease caused by said interleukin-6 production is hyperimmunoglobulinemia.

15 4. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 1, wherein the disease caused by said interleukin-6 production is anemia.

20 5. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 1, wherein the disease caused by said interleukin-6 production is nephritis.

25 6. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 1, wherein the disease caused by said interleukin-6 production is cachexia.

30 7. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 2, wherein said plasmacytosis is induced by rheumatism.

35 8. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 2, wherein said plasmacytosis is induced by Castleman's disease.

9. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 5, wherein said nephritis is mesangium proliferative nephritis.

10 10. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to any of claims 1 to 9, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

11. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 10, wherein said antibody is PM-1 antibody.

12. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 10, wherein said antibody is

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a chimeric antibody.

13. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 10, wherein said antibody is a reshaped human antibody.

5 14. A pharmaceutical composition for prevention or treatment according to claim 13, wherein said antibody is a reshaped human PM-1 antibody.

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